

REMARKS

Claims 19-21, 23-25 and 29-30 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected the previous claims as obvious over Sugata and Gritter. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection, on the ground that the cited references fail to show or suggest all of the aspects recited in independent claims 19 and 30 (as amended herein).

Among other features, claim 19 recites a “modular traction assembly that drives a wheel of a vehicle, comprising a first electromotor assembly coupled to a second electromotor assembly ... wherein the first rotor [from the first electromotor assembly] has a bush that receives an end of the second rotor [from the second electromotor assembly], whereby the first and second rotors are coupled such that the axis of rotation of the first rotor during operation of the first electromotor is identical to the axis of rotation of the second rotor during operation of the second electromotor; wherein the first housing has an attachment means for coupling the first housing to the second housing; wherein the first data communication means exchanges data with the second data communication means so that the first electromotor assembly and the second electromotor assembly function as a single electromotor for propelling the vehicle.”¹

Claim 30 contains similar limitations. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references fail to show or suggest that limitations underlined above.

¹ Support for these amendments may be found, for example, at p. 36, line 14 – p. 37, line 31 and Figs. 9-10 of the Specification.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees due in connection with this filing Deposit Account 50-0310. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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